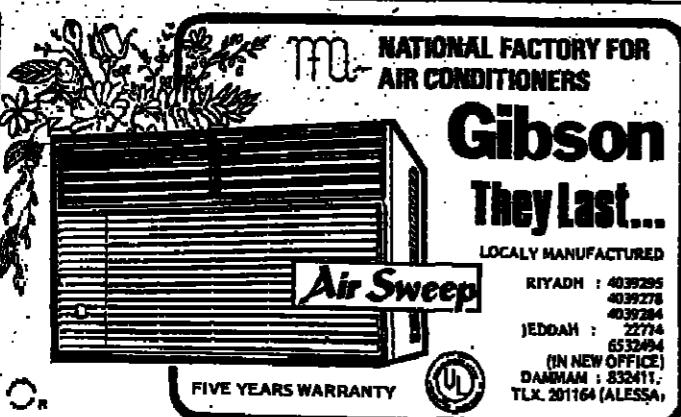


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President Reagan improving rapidly

WASHINGTON, April 1 (Agencies) — President Reagan, rapidly recovering from a bullet wound in the chest, took a walk in his hospital room Wednesday and an aide said the president might return to the White House next week.

A White House statement said Reagan, hit in the left lung in an assassination attempt Monday, had been moved out of the George Washington University Hospital intensive care unit and that he had taken a short walk.

It said the president was in good condition but experiencing some pain and fatigue. He had slept well during the night after staying up until 11 p.m. to watch some of the Hollywood Academy Awards ceremonies on television.

White House Chief of Staff James Baker said he visited the president Wednesday and left him sitting in a chair eating breakfast. He said he hoped the president would be out of the hospital sometime next week.

Officials said the president wanted to carry out a promise to throw out the first ball of the baseball season at a game between the Cincinnati Reds and Philadelphia Phillies in Cincinnati next Wednesday. The Cincinnati trip would be impossible, they said, but the president intended to hold scheduled meetings with Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo in



LOOK OF CONCERN: America's First Lady Nancy Reagan wears a look of concern Wednesday as she leaves George Washington University Hospital after visiting President Ronald Reagan.

Can Brezhnev be attacked?

MOSCOW, April 1 (AFP) — An attack against Leonid Brezhnev similar to that on United States President Ronald Reagan Monday "is impossible." Soviet observers here said Wednesday, apparently forgetting, or unaware of, a 1969 incident in which a soldier shot at their president in front of the Kremlin.

The attack on Reagan in Washington was simply another symbol of America's violent society to the Soviet official and the man in the street. Indeed, commented the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* Monday: "In the United States, nobody is safe, neither the ordinary man nor the statesman."

Several factors peculiar to the Soviet Union reduce the chances of success of any attack such as the 1969 Kremlin incident in which a deranged Soviet soldier tried to assassinate Brezhnev but shot at the wrong car, killing a driver instead.

First, the mentally unbalanced are known, and Detacork, the soldier, was taken a mental asylum and remains there. Second, Brezhnev does not travel as often as American presidents, and never plunges into crowds. His only regular public appearances are for May 1 (May Day, a workers' holiday) and November 7, the anniversary of the Russian revolution.

Fourth, weapons do not circulate in the Soviet Union as they do in the U.S., and they obviously are not sold without controls. Fifth, and perhaps most important, is the Soviet system itself, under which citizens and their movements are carefully watched. Any suspect, or opponent of the regime, is isolated from society, and at the slightest transgression is pulled off the streets.

"Reagan's aggressor was already known by the police," one Soviet journalist told *Agence France-Presse*. "In our country, we do not let the unstable roam free."

The official eye is trained on everyone, even other official eyes. Thus, when one curious militiaman along the Dacha route decided to try to clock Brezhnev's passing car with a radar speed gun that looked like a big pistol, he was shot dead on the spot by a colleague fearful of an assassination attempt.

The assassination of President Kennedy and the dozen attempts to kill General de Gaulle are ever present in our minds, and we are taking no chances," a senior French police official said. "But everyone knows there is no 100 per cent effective protection," he added.

Police problems are confounded by the tendency of some leaders to downgrade security precautions. President Giscard d'Estaing said on television he did not believe in extra special security measures, particularly during his frequent trips in the current French election campaign.

The French president, like De Gaulle before him, often breaks with protocol and wades into the crowds, shaking hands with the elderly and kissing children.

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Thailand premier toppled in coup

BANGKOK, April 1 (Agencies) — Thailand was faced with two governments after an early Wednesday morning coup against Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, and Prem's vow from a northeast army base that he would fight to keep his government in power. He issued an ultimatum to the coup leaders to surrender.

However, they ignored the 10 a.m. deadline set by him, saying they had "20 times" more troops than Prem. Gen. Sant Chitipatima, the coup leader and head of the revolutionary committee, said the committee was not negotiating with Prem at the moment.

The coup came at 2 a.m. (1900 GMT) Tuesday. Radio Thailand announced an hour later that a "revolutionary council" of senior military officers had taken over the government, deposed Prem, suspended the constitution and dismissed the cabinet.

The announcement said the deputy army commander, Gen. Sant Chitipatima, would head the council, and that Prem had resigned both as prime minister and army commander.

However, a few hours later, Prem met with King Bhumipol Adulyadej at his Bangkok palace, and the prime minister and the entire royal family flew to the Suranare army base in northeast Thailand, headquarters of the Thai second army. There, Prem announced on regional radio that he had not resigned and would fight the coup, with his headquarters at the base, 150 miles (240 kms) northeast of the capital.

Prem claimed the four Thai regional armies behind him, and the King and Royal family were under his protection. In Bangkok, the revolutionary council announced it had taken over because of the deterioration of Thai society caused by an ineffectual bureaucracy; a rising crime rate, inflation and the eroding of the country's moral values. In a length statement published in a Bangkok newspaper and read later by Sant on the state-owned television network, the council promised to eliminate lawlessness and to

close the gap between rich and poor.

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Units from the second Thai army loyal to Gen. Prem, overthrown by a military revolutionary committee by deputy army chief Sant Chitipatima, were also heading for Bangkok from their base in Northeast Thailand, where Gen. Prem went after the coup, the reports said.

Observers believed that Gen. Sant was having increasing trouble controlling the situation.



Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda
restores democracy and holds elections when
the situation is stable.

Bangkok remained calm throughout the day, with traffic normal and most businesses open. Soldiers armed with M-16s backed up by machine guns and one or two armored vehicles, guarded most public buildings and television stations, but no clashes were reported.

Later Gen. Chitipatima appeared on television before a picture of the king, the Thai flag and a Buddhist shrine, all sacred institutions in Thailand. He was flanked by three high-ranking officers: the Supreme Commander Gen. Seri Na Nakhon, a senior Thai military officer and named an adviser by the revolutionary committee, Lt. Gen. Vasin Isarangkun Na Ayutthay, commander of the first army, and Admiral Kate Santwajak, deputy commander of the navy.

"Our brethren, we realize the lack of safety in your lives. Most of the people have been facing hardship in their livelihood under the prospect of the social and economic state," he said, reading from the statement. "The council could not tolerate any more the rivalry for personal profit among various groups, the agitation and the undermining of the security of the state," he said. Citing increasing drug use, selfishness, rape and murder as the reasons for the takeover, he added that "the revolutionary council will remain in power only for as long as necessary to solve the problems and prevent them from becoming worse when we are certain that the situation is stable, we will hold a general election."

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Peace panel halts efforts

By Wahib Ghorab

JEDDAH, April 1 — The leader of the Islamic peace mission President Ahmed Sekou Toure Wednesday announced that efforts at summit level to mediate a ceasefire between Iraq and Iran have been suspended.

Speaking after a meeting of the mission, which returned from Baghdad Tuesday night, Sekou Toure however said that the secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference Habib Chatti will continue to shuttle between the two warring countries to reach a mutual understanding.

The Guinean president added that Iraq and Iran did not reject the Islamic peace package but tried to make certain amendments to take into consideration some basic elements proposed by both sides.

Sekou Toure said that Islamic mission was not acting as a court although it was trying to settle the dispute in the light of Islamic values to draw the two countries to a ceasefire.

He said that the mission's task was difficult as it was working for a package settlement as proposed by OIC.

President Sekou Toure also said that the mission will submit new proposals to the two countries. One of the proposals is to establish an Islamic court to define the responsibility of starting the war.

The court will also propose a settlement for the dispute over the Shatt al Arab estuary between Iraq and Iran. Another proposal to the two sides will be to accept the formation of a committee to make a serious study of the waterway dispute.

The president added that the two countries will also participate in the work of the committee. The peace mission will continue to meet in Jeddah when necessary, he said.

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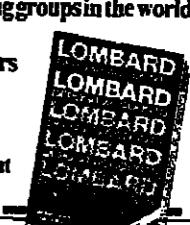
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Under Commerce Ministry orders

Rules classify hotels

By Farouk Luqman

JEDDAH, April 1 — The Commerce Ministry issued regulations Monday to fix hotel standards and tariffs charged to customers. The orders were issued by Commerce Minister Soliman A. Solaim.

The hotels have been divided into seven categories ranging from deluxe to third class according to building size, services and general appearance. A deluxe hotel must rate 150 marks to qualify for that rating. It cannot charge more than SR1,000 for a normal suite and SR2,250 for a supersuite of two bedrooms.

The rates descend gradually across the spectrum until it reaches the lowest range, the III class (B) hotels, which are permitted to place four beds to a room and charge a modest rate per bed.

The general manager of Jeddah's Al Badr Sheraton, Sameer Zogbhi, said he was satisfied with the pricing system and the classification of the hotels. Sheraton, which belongs to the top of the league in the country, has 500 rooms and, like the Meridien, the Hyatt Regency, the Nova Park and others under construction, is a deluxe hotel of the first order.

"The pricing was fair," Zogbhi said. "And it has come at the right time since the country is getting more deluxe and first class hotels than it can handle profitably." He did not expect much more growth in the next five years because of this proliferation. Apart from those in operation, others are in the final stages of completion including the Intercontinental, the Holiday Inn and the Hilton. They are all in Jeddah.

Meridien's Resident Manager Manfred Moennich said the new regulations are reasonable in view of the multiplicity of hotel rooms in the city and in the country as a whole. "We are happy with the present situation," he said. Previously the prices were on the high side because of the scarcity of decent accommodation and the relatively high cost of labor." Now it is different and the ministry has done well to review the structure and the various kinds of hotel accommodation available and award it a clear class, he added. In spite of the glut the Meridien is doing quite well with an occupancy rate well into the

seventies, the manager said.

The government order classified the hotels into deluxe, I class (A), I class (B), II (A), II (B), III (A), III (B), the last category was created to cater to a large section of the traveling population who need hotel accommodation at price within their reach. They were given 20 marks which they must satisfy before they are licensed, the ministry said.

The marks were awarded on the basis of 40 for the building, 40 for the services, 25 for the rooms, 25 for the management, 10 for recreational facilities and 10 for the general outlook. Deluxe hotels must qualify for at least 120 degrees, I class (A) for 100, I class (B) for 80 and the II class for 60.

The pricing structure, the ministry said, was decided on after careful study of the cost of accommodation and the services offered to the customers, with the price rising as the services improve and the number of persons per room also increases.

At a I class hotel, or four-star, a normal suite should not cost more than SR850, SR1750 for a supersuite. The cost is lower for four-star (B) hotels.

An additional bed, requested by the customer, should not cost more than SR75 at the deluxe hotels, SR60 at the first class (A), SR50 at the first class (B), SR40 at the II class (A), SR30 at the II class (B) and SR20 at the III class. A and B service charges have been fixed at 15 per cent for the five-stars and 10 per cent for the others. No other charges should be made in the name of service on any pretext.

These prices and rates will be allowed to double in Mecca and Medina during the pilgrimage season because the owners of the hotels there usually forego a lot of business during the off-season, but must keep their hotels open and staffed throughout the year.

Similarly, the rates will be allowed to rise by 25 per cent in the summer resort areas like Taif, Abha, Khamis Mushait, Al Baha and Baljashi during the summer months.

The Director General of Hotels at the Commerce Ministry, Abdul Aziz Al Jasser, said these instructions have been intimated to the hotels which were requested to display them prominently for the attention of their customers.



INSPECTION: Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam inspected police patrol and traffic offices during an inspection tour Tuesday. He advised the officers and men to deal with the public kindly while they do their job efficiently.

Tour inspected projects Sattam denies recreation city

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — The recreation city project is nothing yet but an idea; studies have not been completed and no instructions whatsoever have been given on it. Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam said Tuesday.

Commenting on a news item distributed Monday, the prince said that nothing has been decided so far about the size of the project, its location or the area that it will cover. He said that his tour the previous day was not meant to find a suitable location for a recreation city, but to inspect a number of

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The delegation comprising senior executives of the state-owned Pakistan Minerals Development Corporation will stay in the Kingdom for about one week, touring the main commercial centers including Riyadh, Jeddah and Damman.

It will hold meetings with officials and businessmen and negotiate deals with the interested parties.

Mineral-rich Pakistan has been exporting several minerals to a number of countries, but

Pakistan to explore mineral market

exports to the Kingdom have remained limited so far because of transportation bottlenecks, the statement said.

These obstacles have now been removed considerably with the recent launching of a regular shipping service between the two countries. One Pakistani ship will be touching the ports of Jeddah and Damman every alternate fortnight, the report added.

The minerals presently being exported by Pakistan to the Kingdom mainly include those used for construction purposes, gemstones and marble. But the country produces several others which are required by the Kingdom for industrial use and domestic consumption.

Yanbu desalination plant dedicated

YANBU, April 1 (SPA) — Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Abdul Aziz Tuesday dedicated a new water desalination plant here which will supply five million gallons of drinking water a day to the city.

The ceremony was attended by Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the agriculture and water minister and board chairman of the

Saline Water Conversion Corporation, who highlighted the state's efforts to provide potable water to citizens everywhere in the Kingdom. Also present were Yanbu Mayor Hamad Al-Suwaiyel; Yanbu Secretary Sheikh Naif Al-Sudairi; SWCC Governor Sheikh Abdullah Al-Ghaliqa; and other officials.

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Mecca telephones

MECCA, April 1 (SPA) — Telephone lines in Mecca reached 72,000, and an average of 1,800 new telephones have been installed monthly, officials reported. This figure does not include telephone booths which have been installed in every district of Mecca. Special booths have been installed for international calls. International calls originating from Mecca totaled 13,000 last month.

Traffic training course held

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — A short training course for traffic departments in large cities started here Wednesday. The course is the second of its kind to be organized by the Arab Security Studies and Training Center. The course that ends April 21 is attended by security officers from the Arab world.

Gulf-UNICEF meeting set

UNITED NATIONS, April 1 (SPA) — The United Nations announced Wednesday that the newly-formed Arab Gulf Development Fund and the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) will hold a meeting in Manama Saturday. The UNICEF side will be led by Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, the honorary assistant secretary general to the United Nations and special envoy for UNICEF. The meeting will discuss financial assistance by Gulf states to improve the UNICEF's programs in Developing Countries. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar, Oman, Bahrain and Iraq formed the Gulf fund to assist UNICEF.

Maneuvers planned

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah will watch military maneuvers Monday and Tuesday by the National Guard. The maneuver, named after the late King Abdul Aziz, will be carried by the joint corps of the National Guard and the Royal Saudi Arabian Air Force that will provide air support.

Prison seminar to be given

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — The Arab Security Studies and Training Center of Riyadh will organize a seminar about prisons Saturday. The seminar will deal with benefits and setbacks of prisons from the reform point of view. It will discuss improving the understanding of prisons, their Islamic duty and the extent of suitability of the prison atmosphere for reformation.

Art exhibition

ANK, April 1 (SPA) — An intermediate school will organize an art exhibition in cooperation with Ank Municipality April 22. The exhibition will be held at the municipality's exhibition hall and deal with art education, local folklore and culture. The three-day show will include models of local tools and furniture of local farmers, beduins and sailors.

University talks held

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — Dr. Abdulla Abdul Mohsen Al-Turki, rector of Imam Muhammad ibn Saad Islamic University, conferred here Tuesday with Dr. Mannan ibn Muhammad Abdul Mannan, director of the Islamic Center for Research in Bangladesh.

Collective action stressed

Ministry plans health week

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — A health week organized by the Health Ministry will begin Saturday as part of celebrations marking International Health Day on April 7, officials announced Tuesday.

The week, at Saudi Arts and Culture Society here, aims to highlight the meaning and value of collective action in spreading health awareness. It will include seminars, lectures and exhibitions. Particular stress will be laid on the state's efforts in providing health care to its citizens.

Seminars will deal with the handicap problem and its causes; the role of society in dealing with handicapped persons and avoiding accidents; student health; and first aid in case of traffic accidents. Friday will be devoted to the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF) since April 10 is the Day of the Handicapped Child.

The health exhibition will be opened daily from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Lectures will be given between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday will be restricted to women visitors.

UNICEF, the World Health Organization (WHO), Riyadh University, the Regional Bureau for the Handicapped and a number of

government departments concerned are taking part in the festival.

According to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1979 annual report, one of the main objectives of the government is to provide adequate medical facilities free of charge or at nominal rates for all sections of the population. To reach this goal, the Ministry of Health has continued to expand and improve its activities both in curative and preventive fields. The budget allocations for the Ministry of Health reached SR4,177 million in 1980, registering an increase of SR137 million over the allocations of the preceding year.

New Saudia line opens

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — Saudi Airlines returned here from New Delhi Tuesday after inaugurating the new air link between the cities. The ceremony last Saturday was attended by Saudi Arabian Ambassador to India, Sheikh Saleh Al-Suqair; Indian officials; and Arab diplomats.

Saudia opened four lines last year to Mogadishu, Nairobi, Dacca and Bangkok. Now it lands in 26 airports in Asia, Africa, Europe, North America and 21 domestic airports.

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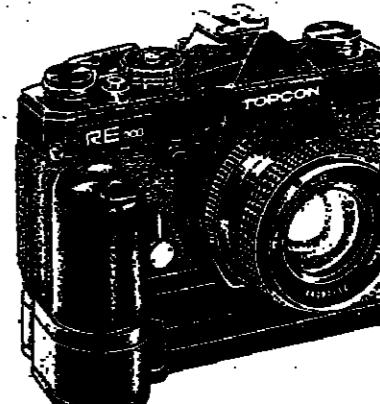
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At traffic directors meeting

Driving rules eyed

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — Directors of traffic departments and their branches in the Kingdom recommended the application of immediate punishment and fines on a larger scale.

The meeting, which concluded in Riyadh Wednesday, also recommended continued spot checks on the installation of taxi-meters and their operation. Taxis should abide by the traffic regulations restricting the specific color for taxis and painting their plates numbers on the front windows.

The traffic officials called for making traffic week an educational event to increase the awareness of the public about regulations and traffic safety only, and not to concentrate on punishing offenders.

Public security Director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh chaired the final session. The

COMMENT

By Khaled Hassan Al Sheikh

Al Jazirah

One morning while I stopped my car before a red traffic signal, another driver close to me looked right and left and, being sure of the absence of a policeman, gave full throttle to the accelerator and almost flew off with screeching tires without any regard for the red signal. He just left me wondering on the usefulness of this foolhardiness, and I asked myself whether he wanted to sacrifice his life trying to save a few seconds or minutes. I could think of no convincing reply.

It reminded me of another incident in which two youths were speeding away in their car. Suddenly a car coming from the opposite direction crashed into it and turned the car upside down. They survived the impact, yet one of them lost his mental capacities while the other suffered some physical handicap.

If we look back at the frequent car crashes we would find our hearts filled with sorrow and grief. But, regrettably, some of us do not take any lesson from what they see and hear, and try to contribute to this state of affairs. I feel a driver ought to remember that, however convinced he may be of his driving, he may come across someone less experienced at the controls. It pains me to see people physically handicapped as a result of their reckless driving.

Everyone will agree, I am sure, that the car has been made to serve us, and not to become a means for suicide. We bring misery to us and others just because we ignore driving rules. I would, therefore, ask everyone to be warned from the daily incidents, to be able to avert any possible crash and thus save his life and, perhaps, the lives of others.

meeting also aimed at achieving special cooperation with the Communication Ministry in regard to road blocks and signs. Deputy Communications Minister Dr. Nasser Al-Safoor and other senior ministry officials attended the meeting.

The recommendations also included opening traffic offices that would receive callers 24 hours a day, and undergoing a study on the possibility of making safety checks on vehicles in the Kingdom. The meeting called for retrieving license plates from all junks, banning pick-up trucks from working in passenger lines and prohibiting damaged cars which lack safety conditions from driving in the street unless repaired.

The officials demanded stepping up campaigns on any offense, especially exceeding speed limits, under age drivers, those driving without licenses, or any missing front or rear lights, use of high beam lights, use of loud horns and disturbing the public peace by causing noise through excessive friction of tires or horns.

The officials also called for special attention to people injured in traffic accidents and to inform their relatives the minute their identities are established. The meeting stressed the importance of giving more attention to training traffic officers and provide them with special education to deal with citizens and expatriates.

Col. Muhammad ibn Raja Al-Harbi, director of the general directorate of traffic, said that the recommendations and proposals will be submitted to Gen. Al-Sheikh to be considered for implementation.

French exhibition set

RIYADH, April 1 — More than 65 companies will take part in the exhibition "La Maison Francaise" taking place April 4 through 10 at the Al-Dhira center here, an exhibition press statement said Wednesday.

Djibouti official visits

RIYADH, April 1 (SPA) — Col. Ali Essa, Djibouti armed forces' chief of staff, was the guest of honor of Gen. Mansour Al-Shaabi, commander of the Western Region, during a luncheon here. Essa, who is visiting the country, arrived in Riyadh Tuesday. He has been visiting military installations and establishments and talking with senior officers.

Prayer Times

Thursday	Mecca	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.48	4.48	4.19	4.05	4.29	4.58
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.24	12.25	11.56	11.43	12.08	12.27
Asr (Evening)	3.50	3.53	3.25	3.13	3.37	4.08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.37	6.39	6.10	5.58	6.22	6.53
Isha (Night)	8.07	8.09	7.40	7.28	7.52	8.23

Jubail carries out projects

JUBAIL, April 1 (SPA) — Jubail Municipality is carrying out several projects, including temporary asphalt and installing lights for northern and western parts of the city. The projects will cost SR5.25 million.

The municipality is also building a SR3.4 million public garden along King Faisal Street. Among the recently finished Jubail projects is a vegetable and meat market that cost SR2.18 million. The market has 20 shops, shaded rest areas and parking lots. Jubail municipality has contracted with a

Pilgrim group meets

JEDDAH, APRIL 1 (SPA) — The Jeddah Pilgrimage Coordination Committee held a meeting Wednesday under Mayor Mubarak Said Farisi. The committee discussed a memo presented by Saudia as well as coordination among Saudia, the Passports Department, the Pilgrimage Department in regard to Umra and pilgrimage visas.

Prince Abdul Mohsen called on the media to write about the huge projects in the region, for national and international public opinion. He urged the media to give a clear picture of the Kingdom's strides toward industrial development. He also called on the public to visit the large installations to see for themselves the Kingdom's achievements.

The governor inspected the installation of Yanbu industrial city, including the industrial port, the residential district, the hospital, the crude oil and natural gas complexes and the local oil refinery. Prince Abdul Mohsen was accompanied during the tour by Sheikh Naif Al-Sudairi, the emir of Yanbu, and Brig. Muhammad Nizari Murad, Medina police director.

Chinese artist leaves

JEDDAH, April 1 (CNA) — Chinese horse painter Gen. Yeh Tsui-Pai left here for home after a two-month demonstration tour of the Kingdom. Yeh had taken part in two China festival activities held in Riyadh and Jeddah for demonstrations of Chinese paintings.

In a separate development, an increasing number of technicians and researchers are expected to arrive in Taipei from Saudi Arabia for on-the-job training in view of the Republic of China's achievements in scientific and technological development.

Informed sources said that among other enterprises, the China Steel Corp. will accept some 200 persons from the Kingdom later this year for an 18-month training period.

During the coming summer vacation, as many as 28 scientific researchers will receive training in the Republic of China. Last summer, Saudi Arabia sent 20 scholars to study in Taipei.

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FROM THE GULF

Eritrean delegations meet

defense establishments in West Germany.

Tunisia discusses relations

ABU DHABI, April 1 (WAM) — A delegation from the Eritrean People's Liberation Front led by Ramadan Muhammad Nour, the Front's secretary general arrived here Wednesday morning to participate in the joint meetings of the three factions of the Eritrean freedom fighters to be held under the supervision of the UAE, the Emirates News Agency (WAM) reported Wednesday.

In addition, a delegation representing the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council, led by Ibrahim Tutell, arrived here on Monday, for the same purpose. Osman Saleh Sabbe, chairman of the Eritrean Liberation Front-Popular Liberation Forces (PLF-ELF) currently is on an official visit to the UAE.

Civil Defense delegation arrives

ABU DHABI, April 1 (WAM) — Maj. Hashan Mana Al-Maktoum, director of the General Directorate of the Civil Defense at the Ministry of Interior returned here Wednesday from West Germany after his UAE delegation familiarized themselves with early warning for disasters. During the visit, the delegation paid a field visit to the civil

Tunisian cabinet endorsed the agreement dealing with the recruitment of Tunisian employees in the UAE. The UAE federal cabinet had endorsed the agreement at its March 22 session. The official signing of the agreement will be made during the forthcoming visit of the UAE minister of labor and social affairs, Saif Al-Jarwan, to Tunis in May.

Ferrini also briefed Hamdan on Tunisia's interest in promoting cooperation between the two countries in educational and scientific fields. The topics are to come up for further discussion during the planned visit of minister of education and youth, Said Salman, to Tunisia next month, he said. Their meeting also reviewed bilateral relations and methods to boost them and the possibility of bolstering cooperation between the two countries in the fields of agriculture and fisheries.

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The 1981 National TV & Video Models Introduced

The capital city of Riyadh was the venue of the National Television and Video Dealers Convention. Held at the Riyadh Palace Hotel, the convention was organised by M/s. Mohammad Jamil Haroon Dahlawi — the Kingdomwide Distributor for National Electronic Products. The convention, the second of its kind held in Riyadh was attended by dealers of National Video and T.V. in the Riyadh area in particular and the Eastern Province in general including Khobar, Dammam and Dhahran.

The Dealers who saw a demonstration of the 1981 National T.V. and Video models, were treated to a Video film show and a four course dinner.

Welcoming the guest of honour Mr. Funahashi, the Managing Director of the Video and T.V. Division of Matsushita Electric in Japan, the Vice General Manager of M. Jamil Haroon Dahlawi, Mr. Ahmed Tahan aid the convention provided an ideal opportunity for the National dealers to make a personal acquaintance with Mr. Funahashi and the Japanese engineers and experts accompanying him.

Speaking on behalf of the Managing Director, Sheikh Amin Haroon Dahlawi, Mr. Tahan also extended a warm welcome to the dealers of Riyadh and emphasised the importance of the Riyadh market for National's Video & T.V. products. He said his company considered the Riyadh Branch as being one of the most important in the Kingdom. Another speaker at the convention was Mr. Ali Khan — Sales Manager

The main address was delivered by Mr. Funahashi, who stressed National's position as the number one brand in the world of home video and T.V.

Mr. Funahashi told the convention that since National produced its first television set in 1952, its total production by 1981 stood at a remarkable 66-million T.V. sets. He said that 25,000 National Television sets are produced in Matsushita plants every day.

Mr. Funahashi said that National Video and T.V. division had now

decided to concentrate on the production and development of a total of 45 models. 37 of these will be television models, both colour and black & white; 4 models of video sets; 3 models of Video Camera and 4 types of Video Tapes.

He went on to say that National is also the world's largest producer of Video sets, and by the end of April 1981, Matsushita Electric's total Video production will have reached the 3-million mark. He said these figures made National

No. 1 in the T.V. World, and No. 1 in the Video World.

VHS MORE POPULAR

Mr. Funahashi stressed that the VHS Format was preferred by Video users around the world. He said that 70% of all video sets sold in the world were of the V.H.S. type.

Mr. Funahashi said that Matsushita had 27 models of T.V. sets — both black and white and colour, starting with the smallest in size (1.5 inches) up to the big 45 inches Cinema Vision Screen.

He said, National will also be introducing a 26 inch colour T.V.

Mr. Funahashi said that National Video and T.V. division had now



National dealers from Riyadh and the Eastern Province at the convention.

QUALITY & PERFORMANCE

Mr. Funahashi told the dealers that the best engineering technology had gone into producing National's comprehensive range of T.V. and Video entertainment systems. Therefore all National T.V. and Video owners are assured of top quality and performance at all times.

NATIONAL T.V. & VIDEO 1981

The dealers then saw a demonstration of National's latest models introduced in 1981. The new models offer a greater number of features. Many of them for the first time.

The top of the five models introduced at the convention & which will be made available shortly, include the 45 inch Cinemavision Television.

For the first time National is offering a 26" television, with the unique National Double-Auto Feature. This enables these sets and other National machines to adjust automatically to voltages ranging from 80 volts to 290 volts, thereby ensuring their application worldwide.

These and other National Television sets were matched with 4 Video models.

One Video model introduced at the



A display of National's 1981 T.V. and Video models at the convention.

convention offers advanced features, not available in other makes. Offering wireless remote control operation the NV7000 offers features like picture search, slow motion, and still picture in the colour. The unique double auto system

ensures operation at vastly fluctuating voltages between 80 and 290 volts.

A second model the NV2000 offers worldwide colour viewing and RECORDING features with three of the world's major broadcasting systems PAL — SECAM — NTSC.

VHS POPULARITY WORLDWIDE

Later during informal discussions, the dealers were shown charts, depicting the worldwide popularity of the VHS system, as follows:

AREA	VHS OWNERSHIP
Europe	73%
Asia	82%
Middle East	70%

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4 houses blown up**1 dies, 1 hurt in Israeli attack on U.N. forces**

BEIRUT, April 1 (AP) — Israeli troops raided a U.N.-held village in South Lebanon before dawn Wednesday, blew up four houses and clashed with a U.N. patrol, the U.N. information office in Beirut said.

U.N. spokesman Samir Sanbar said one Lebanese army sergeant was killed and one Lebanese soldier was wounded in the house-blowing process during the raid on Tulun, a village held by the Nigerian contingent of the 6,000-strong U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon.

Both victims of the blast belonged to a 700-man Lebanese battalion serving with UNIFIL in an effort to bring the whole of southern Lebanon under the control of Lebanon's central government of Beirut, according to Sanbar.

UNIFIL's new commander Maj. Gen. William Callaghan, of Ireland, has declared he intends to carry out UNIFIL's mandate of

Peacekeeping in Sinai**Israel wants all-American force**

By Fouzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 31 — Israel is currently putting increased pressure on the Reagan administration to station an all-American peacekeeping force in the Sinai, informed sources said. Despite support for this proposal, particularly among members of the National Security Council, the Reagan administration remains committed to a multi-national force that would include American troops.

This position was clearly stated by Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger who appeared on ABC TV's Sunday morning program issues and Answers. Asked whether the American troops targeted for the Sinai peacekeeping force would be part of the Rapid Deployment Force, Weinberger said, "Absolutely no."

Weinberger said that the administration

Morocco claims**2,000 Polisario fighters killed**

RABAT, April 1 (R) — The pro-government daily *Maroc Soir* has said Moroccan armed forces killed 2,000 Polisario Front fighters last week in the fiercest battle of their five-year war in the Western Saharan desert.

Both sides have reported a big battle at Guetta-Zemmour, a garrison near the Mauritanian border, and both claimed victory. A Moroccan military communiqué said Friday that more than 300 fighters died. It

extending central Lebanese authority up to Lebanon's 1948 truce lines with Israel. This would involve deployment of 900 more Lebanese regulars in the area and the dismantling of Haddad's enclave.

Tension between Haddad's estimated 200-strong militia and UNIFIL came to a peak two weeks ago, when Haddad's guns shelled the U.N.-policed village of Kantara to prevent the stationing of a 30-man Lebanese regular platoon with UNIFIL there. Two Nigerian troops died instantly and two died later in hospital.

Palestinian commandos said Tuesday they had destroyed part of a railway linking Beersheba and Kiryat Gat in Israel's southern region of Negev. A military spokesman quoted by the Palestine News Agency Wafa said explosives planted on the line, being used by the Israeli army, went off Tuesday night disrupting rail traffic.

UNIFIL's new commander Maj. Gen. William Callaghan, of Ireland, has declared he intends to carry out UNIFIL's mandate of

favored the peacekeeping force which included other countries also.

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Near East Michael E. Sterner is currently in Israel in an attempt to win Israeli support for troops from other countries. The Israelis are rejecting the concept of a multinational force as an attempt to force the U.S. into accepting their demands, sources said.

The Israelis hope that the U.S. will change its mind and use both the bases in the Sinai as well as bases within Israel for its operations in the region. Moreover the Israelis see the stationing of American troops in the Sinai as a means of strengthening American-Israeli ties, sources added.

Under the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, the Israelis must withdraw from the Sinai by March 26, 1982. The Israelis refuse to withdraw, however, before a peacekeeping force that they consider suitable is in place, sources point out.

"The American troops targeted for the Sinai peacekeeping force would be part of the Rapid Deployment Force," Weinberger said.

Weinberger said that the administration

gave Moroccan casualties as 36 dead and 55 wounded in four days of fighting.

Maroc Soir said the battle was "a victory of unprecedented dimensions" in the war and that Polisario had used "very large forces and heavy equipment, notably armor." "Enemy losses were enormous. They left on the ground more than 2,000 dead," most of them killed by artillery fire and air attacks, the newspaper said.

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Thai Muslim families flee into Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, April 1 (AP) — A total of 131 Muslims from Betong district in southern Thailand have fled to the Malaysian town of Baling to seek refuge from attacks by Communist guerrillas.

The first batch of 42 began arriving last Wednesday, with more coming in Monday, the chief minister of Kedah state Syed Nahar Shahabuddin told reporters Tuesday after visiting the refugees in Baling, 240 kms north of here. They traversed the jungle to cross the border into Malaysian territory, he said. The two groups comprised 40 men, 35 women and 56 children, all from 21 families.

The Thai Muslims, who came from six villages, are now housed at the town hall in Baling where they are being looked after by the Red Cross. Some refugees said communist guerrillas had been harassing them for the past fortnight. They said several villagers had been killed in night raids.

Syed Nahar said the refugees, mostly rubber tappers, decided to flee their villages out of fear for their lives. The state government had been forced to provide them shelter on humanitarian grounds, he said.

There are 3,000 guerrillas of the banned Communist Party of Malaysia operating along the 500-kms long Thai-Malaysian border. The guerrillas are mostly active in the Betong area.

MADRID, (AP) — Spanish Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo Wednesday conferred 20 minutes with Moroccan Foreign Affairs Minister Muhammed Bucetta at La Moncloa palace.

QUEUITA, (AP) — World Bank President Robert McNamara arrived here Tuesday on a brief visit to Baluchistan province of Pakistan bordering Afghanistan.

ROME, (AP) — An international conference on Palestine Tuesday called on the European Economic Community nations to "liberate" themselves from U.S. influence and recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization as the "only lawful" representative of the Palestinian people.

PESHAWAR, (AP) — Former Attorney General Yaha Bakhtiar, who served as chief defense lawyer in executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's murder case, was sentenced Tuesday to five years at hard labor for election rigging.

ISTANBUL, (AP) — Unidentified assailants believed to be terrorists hurled a bomb into a bank office in a suburban area late Tuesday night, Turkish police reported Wednesday.

Sadat: Egypt selling arms to Iraq

CAIRO, April 1 (R) — President Anwar Sadat, in an announcement apparently designed to improve his battered image in the Arab world, has confirmed that Egypt was selling ammunition to Iraq.

Iraq has been among the toughest Arab critics of Egypt's 1979 peace treaty with Israel, but Sadat said in a speech that he had decided on the sale in gratitude for Baghdad's past military assistance to Egypt. Until now,

Egypt has remained strictly neutral in the Gulf war. Sadat said the sale should not be seen as a change in his position and that he still condemned Iraq for launching the invasion on Iran.

In his speech, to an annual meeting of the Egyptian journalists' syndicate, the president said Iraq approached him through a third party and later sent an emissary to Cairo to sign the deal.

Informed sources said that Oman, one of the few Arab states to maintain diplomatic relations with Cairo, played an intermediary role in the deal which involved ammunition and spare parts for Sami Missiles.

It was the first public confirmation of persistent rumors that Cairo was helping arm Iraq. Only two days ago, top Egyptian officials flatly denied an American television report that Cairo had sold 4,000 tons of ammunition, missiles and spare parts to Iraq.

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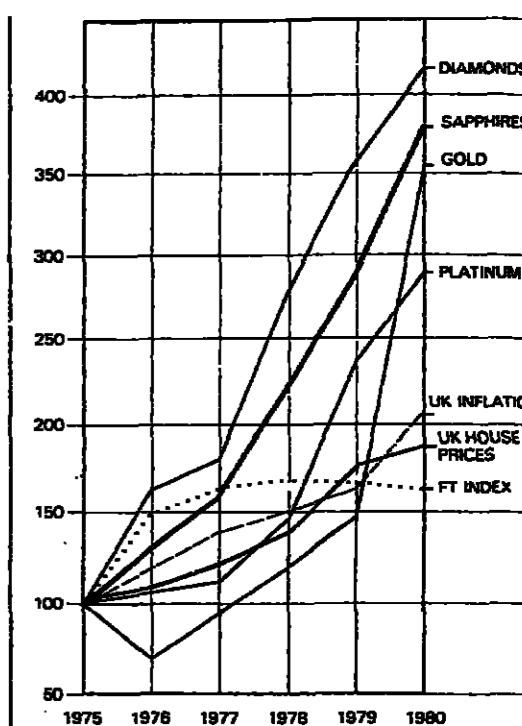
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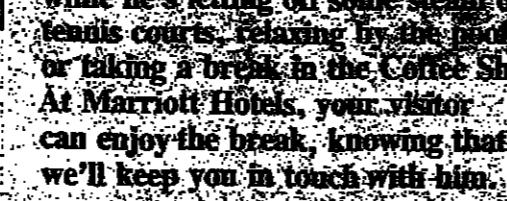
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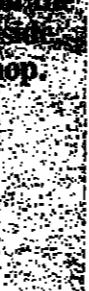
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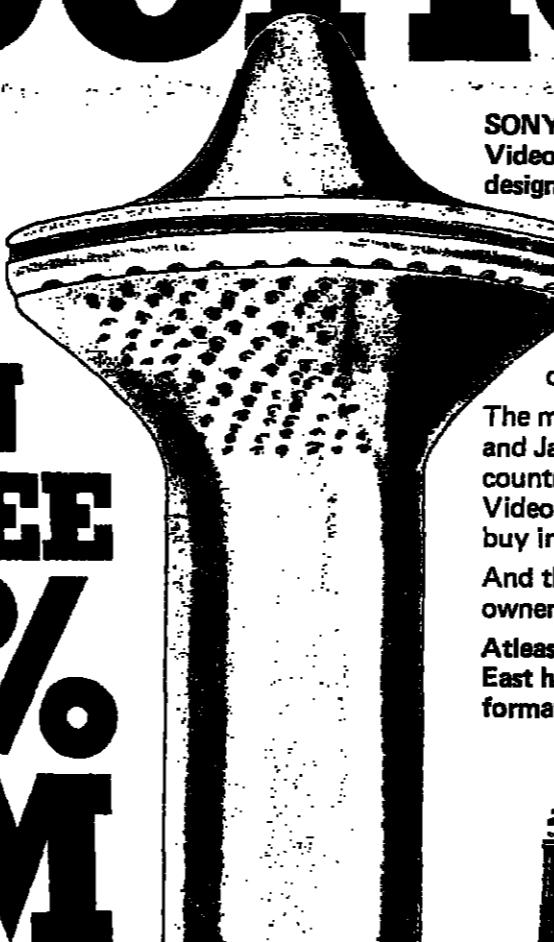
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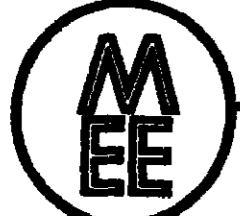
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Arab News Diary

JEDDAH

By Staff Writers
AMBASSADOR AND Mrs. Humayun Rashid Ghoudry hosted a reception last Thursday at the Hamra Casino to celebrate the National Day of Bangladesh.

A DINNER WAS given by the Foreign Ministry to say farewell to the Italian Ambassador *Alberto Solera* Sunday at the Kandara Palace Hotel. Present were Saudi Arabian officials, ambassadors and other friends of Alberto. Guests enjoyed a sumptuous meal of Italian specialties, a lovely gesture on the part of the hosts. *Alberto and Karin Solera* who will be in East Berlin by mid-May where he will take charge of the Embassy there.

TWO OTHER DIPLOMATS leaving Jeddah in early April are *Raja Mansour* of the Malaysian Embassy and *Jungdeok Jeung* of the Korean Embassy. Both diplomats are going back to their respective countries for home postings. Mansour and wife Zubaida will be greatly missed for their serene, helpful and friendly personality. Zubaida, an active member in various women groups, will be specially missed. *Jay and Ari* are thrilled to be reunited with their little girls in Korea. Ari will be missed for her colorful Folklore program.

THE JEDDAH CONCERT committee presented the most well attended concert last Thursday.

There was not even standing room as people crowded to listen to *Andre Bernard*, best known trumpeter and famed pianist *Caroline Hoffmair*. Bernard will be touring Europe as the conductor in the Chamber Orchestra. The committee, meanwhile, will present German pianist *Karl Betz* in an evening of German romantic music at the Continental School on April 4 at 8:30 p.m. Dr. Betz is well known in Europe both through his life concert and gramophone recording. It is his second visit to the Kingdom as the guest of the committee.

SWEDISH COMMUNITY wives coffee evening will be held Sunday April 5 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the residence of *Mona Sanden*. Tel 6657834. Maps will be available outside the ambassador's residence. For details call the Swedish Trade Office on Tel 6659687/6674195.

BRITISH COMMUNITY Wives Coffee will be held at the ambassador's garden on April 6 at 10:30 a.m. Children are welcome.

AI FAISALIYAH WOMEN'S Welfare Society in collaboration with the Iraqi Embassy will present a fashion show of historic traditional clothes of Iraq on April 7 and 8 at Meridien Hotel. This show had received high rating during its tour of Europe last year. Tickets can be had from the Faisalyah office.

AFTER A SUCCESSFUL international bazaar, which was inaugurated by Prince Majid bin Abdul Aziz Wednesday, Al Khairiyah Women's Welfare Society was busy preparing for a seminar to be held on April 4, and a cosmetic and costume show on April 15. The show, to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, will feature Paola Davitti fashion and children clothes from several boutiques. Tickets of SR100 can be obtained from the Society, Kilo 3, Mecca Road, after Sunday.

JEDDAH LIGHT opera society will present the *Pirates of Penzance* by *Gilbert and Sullivan* at the British Embassy at 8 p.m. on April 6 from 6 to 9. Tickets are available at the door or at 5 p.m. from the embassy.

SAFEYA BINZAGHR'S Saudi Scene are to be presented the home audience in a series of exhibition to be held in Riyadh, Juhail and Jeddah. On show will be 40 paintings and 16 etchings and lithographic of the Saudi heritage. Safeya is already in Riyadh where the first exhibition will open on April 5 and continues through 13 at the University of Riyadh. The dean will open the men's section, while the women's section opened by Princess Sarah bint Faisal. It will then move to Juhail at the Arabian Beshit from April 20 to 24. The Jeddah show is planned for May 15 to 25 at the Redec Plaza.

ANOTHER ART exhibition at the Redec Plaza from May 3 to 7 is being organized by the Jeddah Fine Arts Society. It is society's annual art show in which all members will participate. On display will be more than 350 art pieces.

THE MONTHLY MEETING of SANHS is now being held on the 5th floor of the Nova Park Hotel. The next meeting at 8 p.m., April 4, will feature *Dr. Meijne*, who will discuss "The Search for Water Resources."

A FASHION PARADE will be the highlight of the monthly coffee afternoon for Australian wives living in Jeddah. Clothes will be presented by *Margaret Robb-Whittaker* at the coffee party which will be held at the home of *Marilyn Jamieson*, wife of the Australian Trade Commissioner. The function will start at 3:30 p.m. and all Australian wives living in, or visiting Jeddah are welcome.

RIYADH

DON'T MISS the *Ansle Adams* luminous and profound photographs of the Western American landscape. An extraordinary exhibition is being held at the *Murabba Palace* until April 10. Most of the photographs were made in the wilderness areas of the artist's native state of California. The creative photographs are a remarkable contribution in the history of photography. The exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. daily except Friday. Ladies may visit on Tuesday. The show is co-sponsored by the department of antiquities and ethnography.

ARABIC COURSE — if you have always wanted to learn Arabic and haven't had an opportunity — don't lose heart. Registration is open until April 4 for spoken Arabic at the Language Institute on Farzak street in Malaz. The 12-week course will cost SR2,300 with 72 classroom hours. The classes will be held Saturday, Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more information call 4031604.

MINHAL HOTEL, located on the Airport Road, was formally opened by *Prince Salman bin Abdul Aziz*, Governor of Riyadh, last Wednesday. A large gathering was present. The guests were entertained to a grand buffet dinner.

SOUTH ASIA, evening was held at the United Nations Center. A colorful program with the children displaying traditional costume was part of the highlight of the evening followed by a spicy dinner. Afterward the children of different nationalities presented a folkloric program.

AT-TALLAH HOUSE will be offering German food every evening until April 3. Good and delicious German specialties will be served at the *Cavaliers Room*.

"LA MAISON FRANCAISE" exhibition which took place in Jeddah was a big success. A number of French companies which specialize in home furnishing and decorations will present their products in Riyadh exhibition to be held at *Al-Dhiafa Exhibition Center* from April 4 to 10. French Foreign Trade Minister *Michel Cointat* will inaugurate it.

Eastern Province

THE SAUDI ARABIAN universities table tennis championship matches begin Thursday in the table tennis room of the gymnasium, Building 11, at the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM). Interested parties are welcome to watch the competition which will include teams from King Abdul Aziz, King Faisal, Riyadh, and the Islamic universities.

THE DHAHRAN INTERNATIONAL Genealogy Society holds its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday April 4, at House D-115, Dhahran, at which Ralph Barracano will speak on the 1850 census.

CHARLES GUNTHORPE of Foxborough begins a 5-day training program in the use of ITT machines at the Ramada Hotel Saturday, April 4. Those interested are invited to address their inquiries to him at Tel 864-5444, the Delta Queen extension.

GOVERNOR OF THE EASTERN province, Abdul Mohsen ibn Juhui, opens the Saudi Tech. 11 exhibition at Al-Khorab's Al Gosaibi Hotel at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 4. The 5-day show, organized by the Tihama Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing Research Company in cooperation with Middle East trade exhibitions, groups more than 200 firms from 36 countries.

ALSO AT AL GOSAIBI Hotel, Maktabi brothers open an exhibition of Oriental carpets. Saturday, April 4.



READY TO GO OUT: With their black and white dress coats and their feather-decorated heads the two penguins seem to be ready to go out. The always well-dressed animals are rock penguins living in West Berlin Zoo.

The impenetrable courtroom

By Robert L. Jackson

WASHINGTON, (LAT) — It is probably the most unusual courtroom in America. Two heavy bank-vault doors, each with a combination lock, bar the public. An electronic sweep is conducted before each session to prevent bugging. Even the "defendant" is not permitted inside. He is not even informed of the proceedings.

Such are the tight security precautions for the U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, a little-known arm of the federal judiciary system that is charged by law with approving or disapproving requests by U.S. intelligence agencies to spy on American citizens in this country.

So tight is the security that only a few officials of the FBI, the department of justice and the national security agency may attend the court's sessions. It is housed on the sixth floor at Justice Department headquarters, but the attorney general himself cannot enter the court unassisted. He does not have the lock combinations.

"We don't even acknowledge that the court is in this building," a Justice Department source said. Now almost two years old, the FISC was created by Congress to impose a strict rule of law on federal law-enforcement agents who operate inside the United States gathering intelligence for national security purposes.

No longer can FBI agents or other intelligence officers do as they did in years past — secretly break into homes in the United States without court approval to tap telephones or plant microphones. Now agents wishing to take such action must first come to the surveillance court for approval.

The requirement of absolute secrecy in the court's operations was made law so that suspected Soviet spies, foreign terrorists or American collaborators would not know that the court was being asked for permission to monitor them. Today, Reagan administration officials are reviewing all the legal restrictions and ground rules that apply to national security investigations. But so far there is no indication that the administration plans to relax the surveillance court's procedures.

Establishment of the court, which is composed of seven federal judges from around the country, was considered a major step forward from the old days when FBI officials, on their own, could decide whose premises could be secretly searched, wiretapped or overheard electronically.

The vagueness of those old standards led to abuses that ultimately resulted in sweeping investigations of the FBI and CIA. As one result, W. Mark Felt and Edward S. Miller were convicted last November on charges that as FBI officers they had ordered illegal break-ins in 1972 and 1973 in searching for fugitive members of the Weather Underground. Although the surveillance court was created to prevent such abuses, certain features of the court have displeased both conservatives and liberals.

The Washington-based Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank that has gained influence in the Reagan administration, is urging that the special court be abolished. The court is "constitutionally repugnant and a judicial aberration," the foundation said in a recent report.

Sam Francis, who edited the Heritage study, said that requiring all electronic surveillance in national security cases to be cleared by the FISC tends to infringe on the constitutional duty of a president to protect the nation's security.

Kenneth C. Bass, who recently resigned as the Justice Department's intelligence counsel, said that service on the FISC constitutes an extra duty by the judges, who are appointed on a rotating basis. The panel's chief judge is George L. Hart Jr. of U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

Aside from the judge, the only persons present for a court session are an official of the FBI or NSA — whichever agency is seeking authority for surveillance — and a member of Base office, who acts as the attorney for the agency. A court clerk who has special clearance also is present.

The CIA cannot approach the court because its mandate is now limited to gathering intelligence data overseas. According to him, each hearing looks more like a board meeting than a court proceeding. "The general principle," he said, "is if a court warrant would be required by law enforcement officers in a criminal investigation, the FISC must grant authority if intelligence agencies want to use the same technique in the United States."

Thus, requests to use any electrical or mechanical devices that FBI or NSA officials want to employ in intelligence investigations must be presented to the court on a case-by-case basis. In addition to wiretaps or eavesdropping equipment, such devices may include high-powered telescopes, or "beepers" secretly placed under the hoods of cars to track them.

Germans take to weight shedding

By Larry Gerber

OVERSTAUEN, West Germany (AP) — Some go to shed extra weight and may end up wrapped like a mummy in a wet sheet, sweating away the fat. Others may seek a release from tension by stomping around in a pool of Calf-deep water. Whatever the complaint or the method of treatment, record numbers of West Germans are flocking to health spas. Once exclusive retreats for the rich and noble, health resorts are now within the reach of the masses, thanks to the nation's liberal social security plans.

In this mountain village, "the cure" is the main industry. The Cure Association of the southern town says some 12,000 guests a year come to local hotels and sanatoriums for a regimen known as the "Schrothkur." That is just a fraction of the 380,000 persons — the highest number in postwar history — who applied for federally-sponsored health care benefits in 1980, according to the federal office for employee insurance but about 40,000 of the applications were granted.

Some of the treatments might seem bizarre. Guests here pay \$400 to \$600 for a three-week treatment which includes a diet of fruit juice, toast and other low-fat essential foods, and a treatment called "packing," or wrapping in wet sheet for about two hours at a time. "In the moist warmth of the packing, the circulation is stimulated, the blood circulation of the organs and skin augmented, the body temperature raised, the metabolism speeded up and the body is made to sweat," explains the rule book for treatment.

The .. packing serves as an essential part of the Schroth cure to remove the poisons and fat." The method is named after Forjannah Schroth, a "natural doctor" who prescribed such methods 160 years ago for stress, overweight, overwork and malaise. "Purify the field, and you will harvest better fruit," Schroth wrote.

"I lost 15 pounds and feel like a new woman," one patient exulted after her three weeks here. The ancient spas grew up around mineral or not springs, and variations of the water cure are among the most popular. Dozens of resorts offer the "Kneipp cure," named after another 19th century practitioner, Sebastian Kneipp.

Kneipp, once a tubercular child who said he overcame his illness by hardening himself with daily cold baths in a river, developed a "natural medicine" treatment with plant extracts and balanced diet supplemented by periodic outdoor splashes. Patients practicing the Kneipp cure tramp around in ponds, brooks or the mud flats of the North Sea. The exercise lasts less than a minute, and the foot must be raised completely out of the water with every step, the rules stipulate.

Afterward, the patient dons dry wool socks and goes for a brisk walk or run. In addition to the unusual techniques, practically all the 100 recognized cure resorts in West Germany offer fresh air, exercise, balanced diets, and mineral waters.

Those amenities may account for much of the continued success of the health centers and the widespread faith in their methods, both among the public and the government. The federal government lists a total of 29,000 beds available for insurance-paid cures in some 145 clinics and sanatoriums and 80 other cure homes.

"The idea is to keep people healthy and working, so fewer retire early," explained one health expert. Practically every employed West German contributes to government-supported health and retirement plans, and the number of rehabilitation trips allowed varies greatly from job and according to the need.

Most cures include two to four weeks away from work with most expenses paid, and the resort stay is usually not counted against vacation time, according to federal and state rulers. Permission is rarely granted for more than one cure every two years. In every case, the employee must explain why he needs the cure. "patients generally can't expect a 'cure vacation,' but they have to take part in a real rehabilitation program," the expert said.

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Court blocks move by Trudeau

OTTAWA, Canada, April 1 (AP) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's drive to bring the Canadian constitution home from Britain by July 1 has been dealt a setback by a provincial court which ruled he was acting illegally.

The Newfoundland Supreme Court of Appeal said Tuesday that Trudeau must have the consent of Canada's provinces to take any step that would alter the relationship between the provinces and the federal government.

The British House of Commons has held ultimate control of Canada's constitution, the British North America Act, ever since it adopted it in 1867. Trudeau wants the British parliament to surrender the constitution to Canada but first to amend it with two things on which the provincial governments have been unable to agree — a bill of rights and a procedure for amendments.

After unsuccessful negotiations with provincial premiers last year, Trudeau declared an impasse and announced he would petition Britain directly to amend the document and send it to Canada. But he was supported by only two of Canada's 10 provinces, and six have joined lawsuits to try to stop him.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has promised to endorse any proposal for "patrification," as sending the constitution to Canada is called, that clears the Canadian parliament. But British legislators have indicated they would be reluctant to approve a proposal that is not backed by the provinces.

After the adverse court ruling Tuesday, Trudeau offered to have the supreme court of Canada rule on the issue if parliament would first give his constitutional package its approval. Opposition leader Joe Clark, whose progressive Conservatives are blocking parliamentary action with a filibuster, refused. He said the legislators "can't be asked to pass a matter that has been declared illegal by a supreme court of a province."

Hostages return

JAKARTA, April 1 (R) — Thirty-seven exhausted and ecstatic hostages have returned here aboard the aircraft on which five hijackers had imprisoned them since last Saturday. Indonesian commandos stormed the Garuda Airways DC-9 in Bangkok early Tuesday rescuing 44 hostages and killing four or all five of the hijackers.

The pilot of the Indonesian plane, Capt. Hermann Rante, and one commando were seriously wounded in the raid but the rest of the passengers and crew escaped unscathed, according to Indonesian National Security chief Adm. Sudorno. The pilot and six foreign passengers stayed in Bangkok.



READY TO FLY: Edward Halton, of British Columbia, is shown in a launch as he is to his plane, a refurbished Sunderland flying boat, in preparation for a flight to England by way to Bermuda and the Azores. Halton bought and restored the 37-year-old aircraft and now plans to use it for expeditions to exotic sites by tourists. It is one of only two of its model that are in flying condition today.

Voyager discoveries

Saturn data puzzles experts

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP) — Months after *Voyager 1*'s spectacular visit to Saturn, scientists still are puzzled about the giant ringed planet and what the mountains of data they've got really mean. "We are still encountering things about Saturn that we don't understand," Dr. Bradford Smith told a U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration briefing on scientific results of the mission. "Most of what we don't understand is in the ring system," he said.

Some of *Voyager*'s perplexing discoveries are that the large, solid rings are made up of thousands of thinner ones called ringlets. The prominent B-ring contains moving, spoke-like structures and the newly discovered F-ring consists of ringlets that appear to twist around each other. Smith, head of the team responsible for the 17,500 pictures sent back from Saturn, said "the problem is trying to apply the laws of physics to the conditions that exist near Saturn." Smith and other scientists noted that Saturn is very similar to Jupiter, the other giant gaseous planet visited by unmanned *Voyager* spacecraft. Both planets have dark and light zones of moving gases, circulating storm regions and cloud markings.

But the smaller, colder Saturn's markings are muted by a thick haze layer above the cloud tops and wind speeds of up to 1,770 kph are substantially higher than on Jupiter, they said. *Voyager 1*, which made its closest encounter with Saturn last Nov. 12, discovered that the twisted F-ring is held together between the orbits of two small moons.

Voyager 1, which is on a course that will carry it out of the solar system, discovered or confirmed four new satellites, bringing the number of definite moons to 16. Other satellites still may be discovered or confirmed as scientists sift through other data from the mission. And a companion craft due to go by Saturn in August, *Voyager 2*, may unveil others, scientists said.

BRIEFS

NEW YORK, (R) — Dewitt Wallace, founder of the *Reader's Digest*, the world's most widely read magazine with a monthly circulation of 30.5 million copies in 163 countries, has died of pneumonia Monday, aged 91.

UNITED NATIONS, (AP) — British delegate Michael Macay, reporting to the U.N. Special Committee on Decolonization Tuesday, said the big news from Pitcairn Island was that in the last year the population had gone up by two — making a total of 61. The tiny island, now a British colony, was settled in 1790 by mutineers from the British ship *Bounty* and some Tahitians they brought with them.

LONDON, (AP) — British playwright and

novelist Enid Bagnold, whose book *National Velvet* provided Elizabeth Taylor's first Hollywood role, died Tuesday, relatives said. She was 91.

WASHINGTON, (R) — Violent crime in the United States increased by 13 per cent in 1980 over the previous year, according to preliminary figures released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The overall crime rate rose by 20 per cent, according to the report, which was based on information from over 12,000 law enforcement agencies across the country.

LONDON, (AP) — Prince Charles won't have a best man at his July 29 wedding to Lady Diana Spencer. He'll have two official "supporters" — his younger brothers Prince Andrew and Prince Edward.

Obote prohibits weekly

KAMPALA, Uganda, April 1. (Agencies) — The Uganda weekly newspaper *Topic* said in a front-page editorial Tuesday that it is being ordered to stop publication by the government. *Topic* supports the Uganda Patriotic Movement whose leader, former Defense Minister Yoweri Museveni, is waging a revolt to oust President Milton Obote. It started publication one month after the war that toppled Idi Amin.

The editorial quoted sources as saying that Minister of Internal Affairs Dr. John Luywuliza-Kirunda has already signed an order banning publication of *Topic* which is due to appear in the official Uganda gazette in a few days.

If banned, *Topic* would be the fifth weekly newspaper to be closed by the Obote government in the last two weeks. Its disappearance would leave only three weeklies on the market.

After Amin's ouster, Uganda had perhaps the freest press in Africa but the crackdown earlier this month on the English weeklies, *The Citizen* and *The Economy*, and the Luganda weeklies *Mulengera* and *Aga-Africa*, has cut the heart out of the free press here. *The Citizen* was the paper of the opposition Democratic Party and *The Economy* supported Yusufu Lule, the Conservative president who lasted two months after Amin was overthrown and then was forced out by Uganda opponents and Tanzania. Many leaders of the Uganda Patriotic Movement, which *Topic* supports, have been detained, the latest being the party's publicity secretary Bakulu Mpagi-Wama.

Meanwhile, heavy firing around Kampala barracks Tuesday night sent residents running.

Two ships collide in Gulf of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, April 1 (AP) — A Japanese tanker loaded with caustic soda collided with a Greek freighter Tuesday in dense fog in the Gulf of Mexico, the U.S. Coast Guard reported. Both vessels were damaged and were taking on water, said Lt. Cmdr. Tom Pearson.

Pearson said an agent for the Japanese vessel contacted the Coast Guard and identified the vessel as the 333-foot *Snow Hill*, carrying a crew of 21. It was bound from Lake Charles, Louisiana, to Vera Cruz, Mexico, but turned back to Lake Charles after the collision. The Greek vessel was identified as the *Eugenio C*, an empty bulk carrier on its way to Houston, Texas.

The cause of the collision was not known, but Pearson said visibility was less than one-eighth mile with winds five to 10 mph. The collision happened just minutes before noon about 100 miles south of Cameron, Louisiana. A Coast Guard cutter and aircraft were sent to the scene, and the Exxon *Florence*, which was in the area, stood by while workers brought the leaks under control.

Atlanta toll mounts to 22

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 1 (AFP) — A boy whose body was found Tuesday in the Chattahoochee River is feared to be the 22nd black child to be murdered here in the past 20 months. The discovery of the body came only 24 hours after the finding of the 21st murder victim, Timothy Hill, 13, in the river three miles away but police said it had been there several days.

The special force of detectives set up to combat the wave of killings which has sowed panic among black parents in Atlanta was investigating the latest death Wednesday. The body, the fourth to be found in a local river, was spotted caught up in the roots of a tree, police said.

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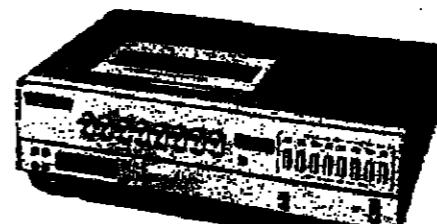
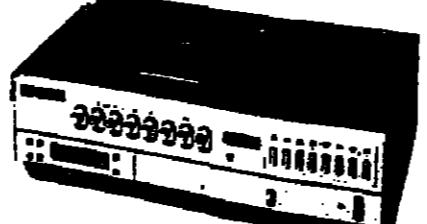
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In NBA playoffs

Bulls, 76ers streak ahead

NEW YORK, April 1 (AP) — The streaking Chicago Bulls and the rebounding Philadelphia 76ers have drawn first blood in the National Basketball Association playoffs.

The Bulls, who won their final eight games of the regular season, racked up victory no. 9 Tuesday night by beating the New York Knicks 90-80 as Ricky Sobers scored 18 points and Artis Gilmore grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked seven shots.

The 76ers, shaking off the disappointment of their season-ending loss at Boston which cost them the Division title, overpowered the Indiana Pacers 124-108 behind 32 points by Julius Erving and 10 points apiece by Darryl

Dawkins and Robby Jones.

On Wednesday the playoff focus shifts West as the other two best-of-three mini-series get under way with Houston at Los Angeles and Kansas City at Portland.

The Bulls fell behind 24-12 after a dreadful first quarter but recovered and shut down the Knicks' running game as Gilmore anchored a staunch defensive effort. The 12 points were the fewest scored by the Knicks all season.

"We made an extra-special effort to stop them on defense," said Gilmore. "At first our guys were tight but then we relaxed, executed on offense and played good defense."

Injuries threaten Liverpool's chances

Leeds gives Ipswich a thrashing

LONDON, April 1 (AP) — Leeds United upset Ipswich 3-0 Tuesday night and threw the race for the English Soccer Championship wide open again.

Ipswich retained a slender one-point lead over Aston Villa, its only serious contender for the title. Ipswich has 52 points and Villa 51, and both have seven more games to play.

The kick-off at Leeds was delayed 15 minutes while officials tried to get swarming crowds into the Elland Road Stadium. Then

Kevin Hird and Carl Hargreaves stunned Ipswich by giving the home team a 2-0 lead at half-time.

Paul Hart made it 3-0 for Leeds in the second half. It was Ipswich's fourth league defeat of the season, and its heaviest. A crowd of 26,462 watched the upset.

West Bromwich downed Everton 2-0 and climbed to third place in the standings. Bryan Robson and Ally Brown scored the goals — one in each half and a meager crowd of

Soccer Results

English Division One					
Arsenal	2	Birmingham	1		
Leeds	3	Ipswich	0		
Manchester City	3	Leicester	3		
West Bromwich	2	Everton	0		
Derby	0	Swansea	1		
Wrexham	0	Luton	0		
Orient	4	Queens Park Rangers	0		
Cardiff	1	Exeter	1		

Division Two					
Rotherham	1	Burton	0		
Sheffield United	1	Barnsley	1		
Division Four					
Bury	2	Doncaster	0		
Wimbledon	1	Wigan	0		
Scottish Division Two					
Stenhousemuir	1	Meadowbank	1		
Angle-Scottish Cup final second-leg					
Notts County	1	Chesterfield	1		
(Chesterfield won 2-1 on aggregate)					

Australia in tough group

CANBERRA, Australia April 1 (AP) — The host country, Australia, ended up with the worst possible draw when the groups for the 1981 World Youth Soccer Championship were selected on Tuesday.

Australia faces the near impossible task of finishing as winners or runners-up in Group D, a four-team Group containing Cup holders Argentina, now minus the mercurial Diego Maradona, and a strong England side crammed with young First Division talent.

Also in Group 'D' is a team from the United Republic of Cameroon in central west Africa, of which little is known.

Group 'A' in the 16-nation competition is made up of the United States, Uruguay, Poland and Qatar. Group 'B' includes Romania, Brazil, Italy and South Korea.

and Group 'C' has West Germany, Mexico, Spain and Egypt.

The tournament will be played at six stadiums around Australia. It will be seen by an estimated television audience around the world of over one billion and is being billed in Australia as the greatest sporting event here since the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

The Sydney Cricket ground, not regarded by soccer officials here as the ideal venue but selected because of its site, Sydney's climate and spectator facilities, will stage the final on Sunday, October 18.

Before that each group plays a round-robin with the winners and runners-up moving forward to the quarterfinals, then by elimination to the semis.

Some of his news was good, however. Liverpool captain Phil Thompson, who has missed four matches because of a thigh injury, was passed fit and is expected to resume his place in the center of the defense.

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Ipswich	35	21	10	4	70	31	52
Aston Villa	35	22	7	6	60	33	51
West Bromwich	36	17	11	8	50	35	45
Nottingham Forest	36	17	10	9	57	38	44

Let's not forget the people who make all this possible. EMCA are expecting the usual high turnout of riders and all the top people are scheduled to be there. Riders are also due in from Tabuk and Abha, and several new local riders have been seen out in practice. The most interesting event could be the 125cc series, where Josse Binst will be out to avenge his defeat by young Marc Maquinay in the last meet. Brian Wyll has recently returned to Jeddah, and he will make life in the small bike event even more interesting.

Play washed out

ST. JOHN'S, Antigua, April 1 (R) — Rain denied the West Indies cricketers a whole day in which to press home their fourth Test advantage over England. Bad weather followed by more downpours left the West Indies one day in which to move 3-0 ahead in the five match series.

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Jahangir begins well

LONDON, April 1 (R) — Pakistan squash prodigy Jahangir Khan raced through his opening match in the British Open Squash Championship Tuesday. The 17-year-old fourth seed beat Mike Sherren of Zimbabwe 9-7, 9-0, 9-1.

Jahangir, winner of the World Amateur title two years ago, is tipped to reach the final where he could threaten the supremacy of seven-time winner Geoff Hunt of Australia.

World champion Hunt was not in action Tuesday but his burly compatriot Kevin Shawcross surprisingly crashed out to Jamshed Gul of Pakistan. The former British Amateur champion looked out of touch during the first two games but recovered to force a decider before losing 10-8, 9-6, 3-9, 4-9.

Hockey matches abandoned

KUALA LUMPUR, April 1 (AFP) — The two fixtures scheduled to be played here Wednesday afternoon in the Intercontinental Field Hockey Cup matches were abandoned due to heavy rains.

The New Zealand-Singapore tie in Group "B" and the Malaysia-Wales tie in Group "A" will now be played on Monday.

The New Zealand-Singapore tie was abandoned after 58 minutes of play due to the unplayable condition of the ground. There was no score till then, though the Kiwis had dominated the game.

It was drizzling before the bully-off which finally turned into a heavy downpour a few minutes after resumption. Umpires Sancini of Italy and Rouse of Zimbabwe consulted earlier, but decided to carry on before calling it off a few minutes later.

Earlier in the day, the Group "A" matches saw Zimbabwe defeat Italy 4-1 and Belgium beat France 2-1.

Seeds take appointed places

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, April 1 — The Air France Tennis Tournament moved into the semifinals stage with the seeding working out almost perfectly in all the events. The tourney is being staged at the Lockheed International compound at North Creek and the semis are scheduled to begin 3 p.m. Thursday when the boys go on court to fight for a place in Friday's finals.

The main interest remains in the men's events, and 7 p.m. will see No. 1 seed and hot favorite Renate Abastillas taking on Berlin Ohlessen (No. 4) while Mike Relieve (No. 6) plays Jerry Hurst (No. 2). The only upset in the seeding was Joe Reilly's downfall at the hands of Relieve, but this was always a possibility. Relieve's real ability was unknown before the tournament but he has quickly put

himself into the No. 1 challengers position. The 6-4, 6-3 score was a fair indication of his match with Reilly, but he always appeared to have plenty in hand. On form he and Abastillas should meet in Friday's final (at 3.30) and the eager crowd could well see Abastillas make to produce his best tennis to date.

These two join forces Thursday (9.00) and take on Reilly (another sucker of the Phillipino treatment!) and Khashif, who survived losing the first set against Rogan and Cunningham to pull through 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. In the other half, No. 2 seed Hurst and Poppe meet Sterrey and Briers.

Air France have included prizes of return tickets to Paris for the winning doubles pairs as well as the singles winners, and it is more than likely that either Abastillas or Relieve will be enjoying two trips to that fair European capital this coming year.

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Grants stopped

IDA coffers run dry as states delay funds

PARIS, April 1 (R) — The world body which gives easy loans to the poorest developing countries has said it will have to hold up the signing of new ones because governments have not come forward quickly enough with funds.

The International Development Association (IDA), the soft loan agency of the World Bank, said it would be unable to sign new agreements from Wednesday until it gets more funds from its members.

After two days of talks here, officials of 27 of the 33 IDA countries issued a statement expressing deep concern at the delay in raising new funds and at the fact that U.S. plans for aid are still pending in Congress which has not yet approved increased contributions.

The statement said that "in the absence of United States authorization and appropriation, or of further voluntary contributions, IDA would have no further commitment authority commencing in April 1980." However, World Bank officials said credit agreements already signed will be honored in full. The IDA lends money to the poorest developing countries without charging interest or only at minimal rates.

Last year IDA countries agreed in principle to provide \$12 billion for IDA lending during the three years up to mid-1983. But only 18 countries, accounting for \$598 million, have so far authorized the new lending.

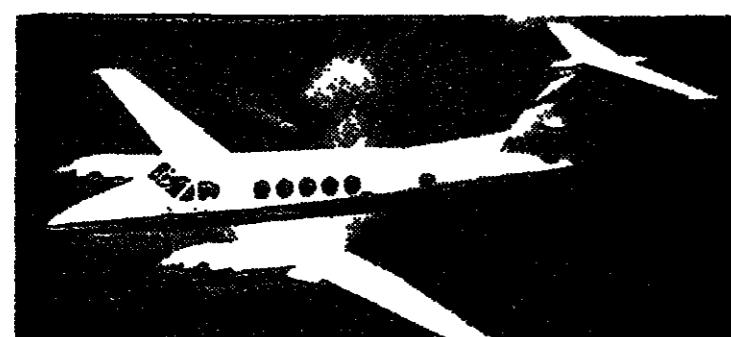
Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.65	8.91
Belgian Franc (1,000)	96.00	107.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.81	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	158.00	161.25	160.25
Dutch Guilder (100)	142.00	145.00	144.60
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.20	91.45
French Franc (100)	67.00	63.25	68.05
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	66.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.65
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	32.00	34.50	32.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.80	—	16.00
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.56	10.45
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.24	12.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.85	84.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	73.50	73.50
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.46	7.56	7.54
Qatari Rial (100)	—	92.00	92.20
Singapore Dollar	—	—	161.10
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	42.00	39.65
Swiss Franc (100)	173.00	176.25	175.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	55.40	86.20
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.36	3.35
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Expect states to decide**Bankers fail to strike deal on Polish debt**

LONDON, April 1 (AP) — U.S. and other Western bankers have failed to hammer out an agreement on restructuring \$3.1 billion in Polish debts due this year.

A communiqué said the bankers will continue negotiations with Poland, but are looking to Western creditor governments to find a solution. "Although the situation is difficult, the possibility of a satisfactory solution can only be achieved through calm and restrained discussions taking place on a continuing basis," the communiqué said.

The bankers, representing 40, the 200 Western banks owned money by Poland, met Tuesday with Jan Woloszyn, deputy chairman of Bank Handlowy, Poland's foreign trade bank. Another meeting was scheduled Wednesday, with more talks set for April 8.

There was no mention of Poland's request for a \$1 billion "bridging loan" to help it out of its economic crisis. The Poles also are seeking another \$8 billion from the banks to help them repay the existing debt and obtain new credits.

The Times of London noted Tuesday: "There seems little doubt that the bank will have to reschedule existing debts, but there are sharp divisions of opinion about the advisability of making fresh loans."

Poland, which borrowed heavily from the

West over the last decade to build up its economy, has a foreign debt of at least \$23.1 billion.

Out of this, \$12.7 billion is owed to Western commercial banks about 10 per cent of it to U.S. banks.

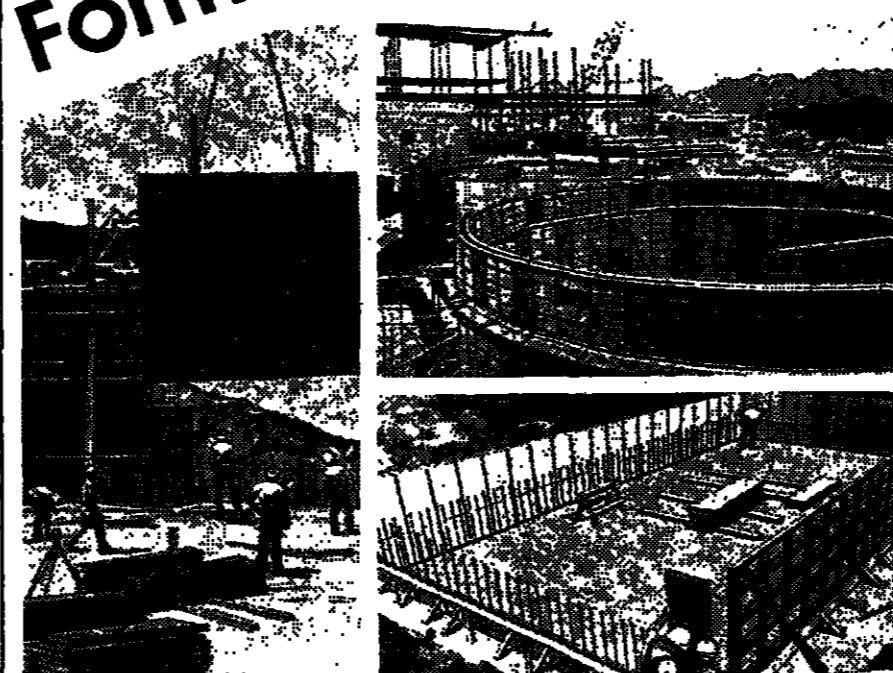
Earlier, Poland reiterated its request for a \$1 billion bridging loan from Western banks as a matter of urgency.

Although Monday's compromise in Poland between the government and the Solidarity union encouraged Western financiers, banking officials said they were reluctant to grant new credit without guarantees from their government.

Apart from bridging loan, Poland seeks rescheduling of its \$7.5 billion debt due for reimbursement this year, over an eight-to-10-year period with five years' grace. This sum comprises \$3.1 billion of private credit and \$4.4 billion from Western governments or guaranteed by them.

Poland also seeks \$3.4 billion new private or public credit to help plug its trade gap estimated at \$800 million this year and for paying \$2.6 billion worth of interest this year. The mooted \$1 billion line of credit was seen here as a stopgap pending decisions on these substantive requests. These decisions may not be forthcoming for months.

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British bank foresees fall in economy

LONDON, April 1 (R) — The Bank of England has said that the British economy was likely to decline further during 1981.

In its quarterly bulletin, the bank predicted that investment would continue to drop sharply, unemployment would rise and a combination of higher taxes, lost jobs and lower pay rises would hit consumer spending.

"Taken together, these various influences may tend to reduce gross domestic output again this year," the bank said. Britain has been suffering its worst recession since the 1930s, with manufacturing output down by 15 per cent in 1980 and unemployment now up to 9.3 per cent of the work force.

The bank said, however, that the economy had made some progress, citing lower levels of wage increases and manning in industry and improved efficiency. The bank took a more pessimistic view of the economy than Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe, who said last week there was "quite an impressive case for optimism."

Bonn ups petrol price

BONN, April 1 (R) — West Germany raised the price of petrol by eight pfennigs per liter (17 cents per gallon) Wednesday in what Finance Minister Hans Matthaeus called an attempt to promote energy saving.

Matthaeus told the magazine *Quick* the rise was to reduce oil imports and enable us to return to interest rates which encourage employment. Opposition Christian Democrats called the rise a scandal and handed out leaflets at petrol stations calling for protest at the increase.

The increased petrol tax is expected to produce an extra 1.7 billion marks (\$10 million) in government revenue.

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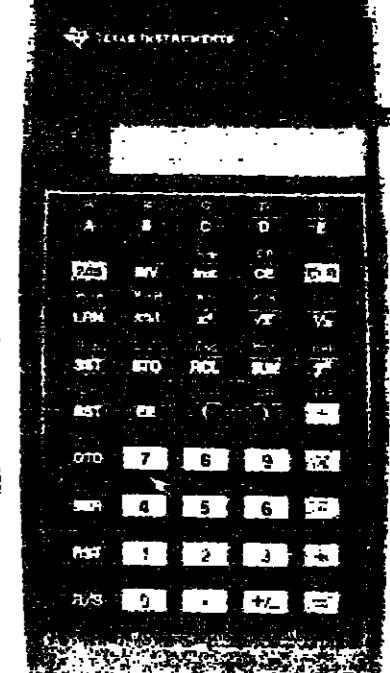
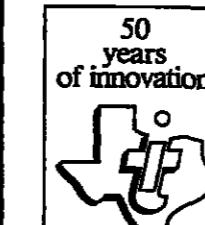
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U.K. blocks accord on EEC farm prices

BRUSSELS, April 1 (AFP) — British objections Wednesday foiled a farm price agreement by the European Economic Community (EEC) covering the next agricultural year.

French Agriculture Minister Pierre Maheigner said after an all-night session: "All the components of an agreement were in place early today, but Britain was against."

Talks will resume later Wednesday. Britain has asked for the detailed figures implied in a compromise solution discussed during the night. Under this arrangement the average price rise would be nine per cent (milk nine per cent, beef 10 per cent, pork 11 per cent and grains 6.5 per cent). At the same time, West German monetary compensatory amounts (MCA's) would drop 3.3 per cent.

During negotiations, Britain opposed a cut in its MCA's and reductions in some production and consumption aid. Owing to

exchange rate movements, higher than average price rises are expected to be allowed for Italy, France, Denmark, Greece and Ireland.

Meanwhile, farmers seeking higher prices for their products clashed with police for the third straight day Wednesday outside an office building where ministers were holding talks.

Belgian gendarmes threw teargas canisters into a crowd of about 500 tomato, egg and rock-throwing protesters. In a replay of Tuesday's confrontation, the crowd dispersed temporarily, but filtered back to take up positions outside the Charlemagne building at EEC headquarters.

Dutch Farm Minister Gerrit Braks, chairman of the meeting, said ministers were trying to do the best they could for their individual countries and would not be swayed by the noisy demonstrations. "We don't take decisions under pressure from the streets," Braks said.

U.S. coal strike likely to drag on

WASHINGTON, April 1 (R) — A five-day-old strike by U.S. coal miners appeared certain to be prolonged as votes counted Tuesday night showed more than two to one against accepting a newly-negotiated three-year contract.

The 16,000-strong United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) called the strike last Friday when their previous contract expired before a new settlement had been ratified by the rank-and-file. Members voted Tuesday on a proposed new contract hammered out in protracted negotiations with the mine owners represented by the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association (BCOA).

A UMWA spokesman said 656 local unions out of 757 had reported and been counted. There were 30,838 votes in favor of the contract and 67,750 against, he said.

The union spokesman said the vote had been most favorable in the midwest and added: "We did the worst in Pennsylvania and West Virginia."

Financial Roundup

Riyal recovers ground

By J.H.Hammond

JEDDAH, April 1 — The dollar recovered somewhat on the European markets Wednesday after the confusion following the attempt on Reagan's life. The biggest gains were against the sterling and the French franc, but moderate gains were also registered against other European currencies. The slight strengthening was surprising to some financial observers as Eurodollar interest rates had eased slightly over Tuesday. One month Eurodollar deposit rates now stand at 13 1/2 — 13 1/4 percent, but this seemingly low rate was also due to technical trading factors of having to deal for maturities falling over in New York.

Locally, the riyal market continued to recover, fairly quiet with liquidity still available. Dealers said riyal interest rates continued to remain unaffected by outside swings and they eased further to 10 1/2 to 10 1/4 per cent in the six month period and 13 to 13 1/2 per cent in the one year period.

The underlying yield cover for the riyal would suggest that lenders are preferring to lend — no longer fearing that interest rates will continue to fall. This is a reversal of the "unusual" yield cover for the riyal market

Taipei plans to install solar house this year

TAIPEI, April 1 (CNA) — The Energy Research Laboratories of the Industrial Technology Research Institute is planning to set up a demonstration solar house in nationalist China within the year.

In a package of projects submitted to the Ministry of Economic Affairs for approval, the research laboratories proposed to install a solar water heater, solar air-conditioning unit, solar refrigerator, and a solar lamp, all to be powered by photovoltaic cells.

Dr. Yeh Hsuan, head of the laboratories, indicated that the primary purpose behind the solar house is to develop a new technique for thermal insulation by which the energy needed for cooling conventional houses is reduced.

He also said that the location of the house is still undecided, but plenty of sunshine will be necessary, as will a low air pollution rate. The solar house is estimated to cost \$100,000.

Quit EEC, Chirac tells Britain

PARIS April 1 (AFP) — Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac, a candidate in the French presidential election, has called on Britain to leave the European Economic Community (EEC).

Chirac, who is also mayor of Paris, attacked Britain's "tenacity and hypocrisy" over the Common Market, saying that in signing the treaty Britain had not respected its commitment to create a united Western Europe.

where bankers often witnessed short-term interest rates to be higher than long-term deposit rates.

However, it is reported that excess liquidity is now available, this being a continuation of the bankers cutting down on previously held "long" dollar positions with the dealers in the value of that currency, and secondly, and of more importance, is ministry payments before the end of the local fiscal year in May.

Against the dollar, the exchange rate for the riyal fluctuated at levels of 3.3495.00, or less, but again it was due to technical factor of borrowing a maturity.

With the easing of the Polish situation and with markets recovering from the after shock of the assassination bid, gold and silver fell sharply in New York from levels of \$51.4 per ounce to \$50.7 per ounce for gold. The European bullion markets at one stage took the price levels to \$50.5 before rallying to \$51.5 per ounce levels. Silver was quoted a \$12.15 per ounce in later afternoon trading.

The late afternoon trading rates for the dollar were as follows — sterling 2.2360, Swiss franc 1.9160, French franc 4.9810, Mark, 2.0965, yen, 211.60. Dealers attribute the relative stability of the dollar to the sentiment that President Reagan will now have a wider popular mandate to put through tough economic policies at home.

Oil market balanced, says IEA

PARIS, April 1 (AP) — The International Energy Agency, which represents all Western oil consuming countries except France, said Tuesday the world oil market now is generally balanced between supply and demand, but "remains highly fragile."

The IEA also said Western countries should begin building up their oil stocks during the second and third quarters of 1981 in anticipation of winter consumption.

The oil market is now in much better balance than in December of 1980, and there are not at present any serious country or company imbalances," the IEA governing board said in a report issued from its Paris headquarters. "The overall situation nevertheless remains highly fragile due to uncertainties about oil availabilities and oil demand," the IEA added.

The agency said it would continue to monitor the market for changes in supply and demand and called on member countries to continue to supply information on oil stocks, consumption and oil purchases.

Some members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries cut production last year because of what they saw as a world "oil glut."

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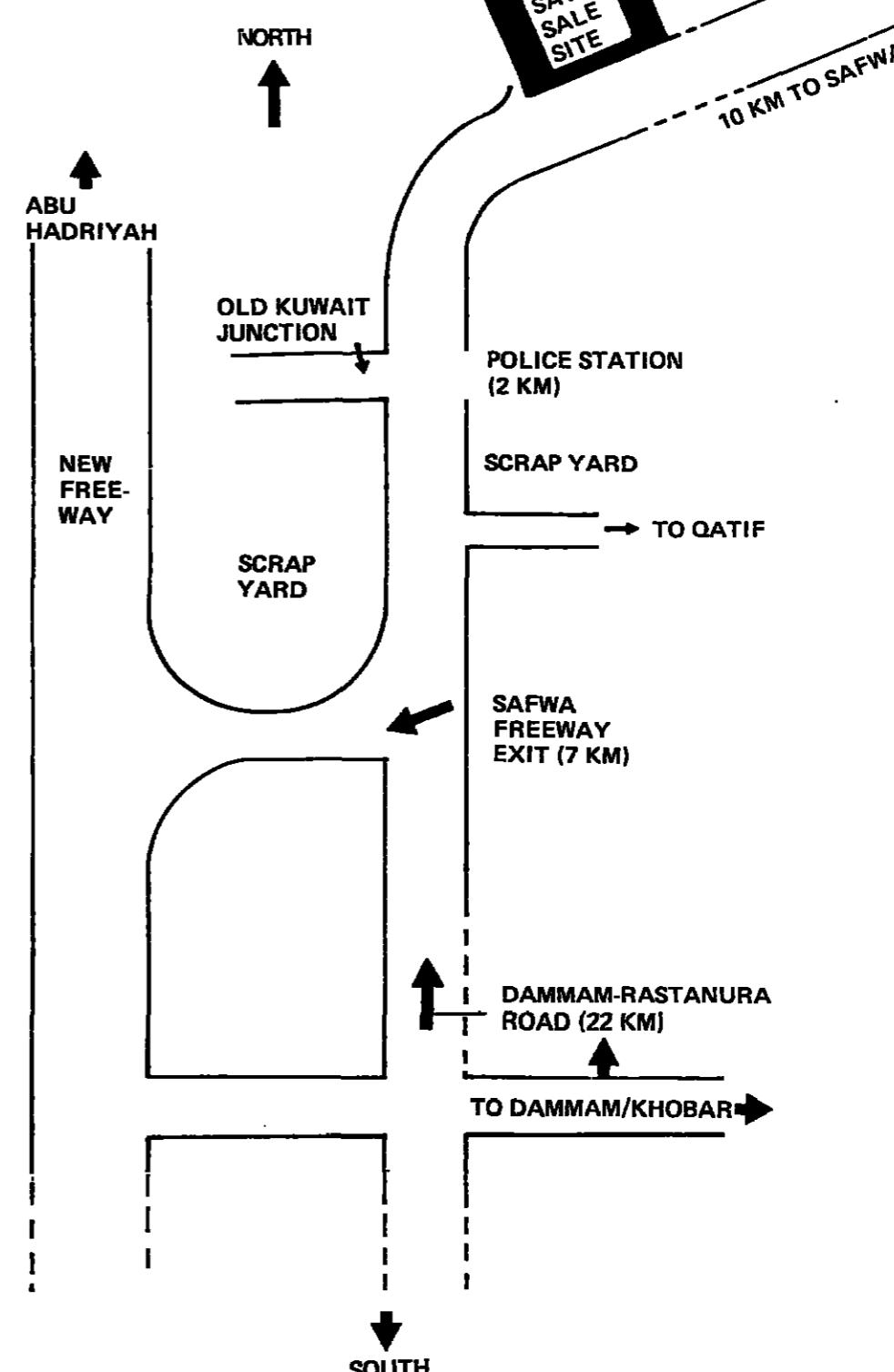
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THE ATTACK AND AFTER: The scene at the Washington Hilton Monday after a suspected attacker fired shots at President Ronald Reagan. Lying on the ground (left) is Presidential Press Secretary James Brady who was wounded in the shooting. The picture in the center shows Vice President George Bush presiding over a cabinet meeting Tuesday in the absence of the president. Seated from left are counselor to the president Edwin Meese, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Samuel Pierce, Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, Vice President Bush, Attorney General William French Smith, Labor Secretary Raymond Donovan and Energy Secretary James Edwards. The photo at right shows the president's eldest son Michael Reagan arriving with his wife Colleen at George Washington University Hospital Tuesday to visit his father who is attending to some of the affairs of state from his hospital bed.

Leader's ouster likely

Polish union facing conflicts

GDANSK, Poland, April 1 (AP) — Solidarity leaders said Wednesday that Anna Walentynowicz, the crane operator at the Gdansk shipyards whose dismissal for union activities last year sparked strikes here, is facing possible ouster because of differences with some leaders.

Andrzej Gwiazda, no. 2 man in the leadership of the 10-million-member independent union said "Anna Walentynowicz could be ousted from the presidium because she is too popular for some leaders' liking and you quote me on that."

Solidarity's national coordinating commission held a second round session here Wednesday after canceling a national general strike Tuesday. The strike call was suspended after union leader Lech Walesa reached a last-minute agreement Monday with the government over union security and won promises that officials behind the beating of three unionists in Bydgoszcz March 19 would be found and punished.

But as the union voted to cancel a nationwide strike alert — with the exception of Bydgoszcz — declared the day after the beating.

U.S. willing to resume arms talks

BRUSSELS, April 1 (R) — The United States has assured its European allies that it is willing to resume talks with Moscow on limiting European nuclear weapons but has not specified the time. A date to restart the negotiations on medium-range theater nuclear forces (TNF) is likely to be announced at the next NATO ministerial council in Rome in May, alliance sources said.

Several European countries, under strong pressure from left-wing, anti-nuclear opinion at home, urged the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, Lawrence Eagleburger, Tuesday to relaunch the talks as soon as possible. But participants at the one-day meeting of NATO's special consultative group recognized that the Reagan administration needed time to clarify its arms control policy, the sources said, and did not push for a date.

One of the most awkward problems is how to start TNF talks — supposing that Moscow is still ready to join in — without waiting for the expected reopening of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT), they said. The SALT II treaty, dealing with intercontinental weapons, has not been ratified by the U.S. Congress.

The TNF talks, about which preliminary U.S.-Soviet exchanges took place in Geneva last October, are envisaged as the third round of the SALT negotiations. "The nature of the TNF-SALT relationship will have to await the outcome of the U.S. review of arms control. However, this is not a question that need delay implementation of our TNF arms control approach," a NATO source said after the meeting.

The special consultative group, made up of high officials and chaired by Eagleburger, agreed that the alliance remained firmly committed to its double-barreled decision of December 1979 to modernize its nuclear arsenal in Europe while starting East-West talks to limit medium-range nuclear weapons, the sources said.

Meanwhile, neutral and nonaligned states Tuesday presented a compromise proposal designed to clear the way for final agreement at the long-stalled European security review conference in Madrid, official sources said. Western delegation sources said the 30-page document, submitted at a plenary session of the 35-state meeting, represented the basis for discussion on a final conference document. The Madrid meeting started in November and was originally due to end March 5.

The western sources said they were unsatisfied with some of the neutral and nonaligned proposals, notably on human rights and information. The Soviet Union had no immediate reaction to the compromise plan when it was tabled Tuesday by Yugoslavia.

ings, a leadership conflict emerged and many members of the commission were said to be angry with Walesa's handling of recent talks with the government.

Members of the commission, reduced from its original number of 55 to about 40 through past mergers of chapters, also were said to be discussing a "toughening" of the points of the agreement, initiated Monday night after talks between Walesa and Mieczyslaw Rakowski, deputy premier.

In addition to Walesa, who has said he was tired and wants to resign once he has "settled the union's problems," Gwiazda also offered to quit during the Wednesday session. But union members disagreed, according to a union source in the meeting.

It was not immediately clear if the feelings of the two leaders, close allies when the union was formed here last summer, reflected ideological differences or a power struggle, observers said.

Many members of the national commission have criticized Walesa for not staying in touch with them during negotiations, including Jan

Rulski, the Solidarity leader beaten in Bydgoszcz, who wrote an angry letter to the commission condemning the Monday agreement.

Many members are apparently seeking to set April 15 as the date for the government to carry out their side of the agreement signed Monday. Some union members warned Walesa not to get mad and storm out of the meeting like he did during the session in Bydgoszcz on the Monday after the beatings.

Meanwhile, Soviet television said Tuesday the situation in Poland remained "very tense" despite Solidarity trade union's decisions to suspend a general strike threat.

"Anti-socialist elements in the organization of Solidarity come out against the achieved accord. They insist on the satisfaction of all their demands," commentator Boris Kalagin asserted.

In a related development, Warsaw Pact military exercises in and around Poland have technically ended but the level of military activity remains high, a NATO military source said in Brussels Tuesday.

turned to guffaws when the hands overshot the new time and came to rest at 1:11, but authorities then stopped the clock and restarted it when 1:11 arrived.

Soviet radio, television and newspapers labored for weeks before the time change to explain it to citizens and convince them that the extra sunlight will be good for their health. One newspaper, *Socialist Industry*, promised Tuesday that with extra sunlight, "the heart, intestines and all the muscles of the body would begin to work more energetically."

Soviet television dispensed advice to farmers on when to milk cows under the new time system — it's the farmer's job to adapt to the new schedule, it said, not the cows — and a radio program assured some worried citizens that "the length of the morning will be the same." The Soviet Health Ministry's magazine noted that some parents were worried how their children would take time change. "We want to reassure you," the magazine said, quoting scientific assurances that children adapt quickly to such changes.

The Soviet Union switched regularly between winter and summer time until 1930, when the changes were stopped. Several generations of Soviet citizens have never before experienced daylight savings time, which is routine in many Western countries and also used by some of the Soviet Union's east European allies. The summer time introduced at midnight Tuesday puts Moscow four hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time. It will last until Oct. 1, when clocks will be put back again until next spring.

First in 50 years Time change amuses Soviets

MOSCOW, April 1 (AP) — Hundreds of cheering Russians, clutching cameras and telescopes, crowded around the Kremlin clocktower early Wednesday to make a celebration of the Soviet Union's first move to daylight savings time in 50 years. The time change, designed to save energy by using daylight hours more efficiently, was meticulously planned and publicized by Soviet authorities, but public confusion about the change persisted even after the midnight switch.

The clockwatchers outside the Kremlin on Red Square discussed with relish the workings of daylight savings time, but citizens at a nearby railroad station were less sure. Some passengers hadn't heard about the change and missed their trains — "I don't have time to read the papers," one complained — and railway employees argued among themselves about how schedules would be affected.

Outside the station, about half the passers-by seemed to know about the time change. A streetsweeper told inquirers that it was 12:30 a.m., ignoring a newly adjusted clock above his head that gave the new time of 1:30. On Red Square, high-spirited youths and adults virtually ignored the midnight changing of the guard at Lenin's tomb — a spit-and-polish ceremony that usually draws awed attention — and stared instead at the Kremlin's 67-meter-tall Spassky Clock Tower.

As soon as the clock struck midnight local time (at 2100 GMT) Tuesday, the hands began moving forward rapidly toward 1:00 to the cheers of the crowd. The cheers

Sicily prisoners take 18 hostage

MESSINA, Sicily, April 1 (AP) — Three inmates demanding a transfer to another prison took 18 persons hostage at the Gazzetta prison here Tuesday and locked themselves in a medical office, police reported. The rebels, armed with sharpened spoon and hole-punching tools, broke into the infirmary where 11 unarmed guards and five handymen were waiting to be interviewed by two male nurses, police said.

They later released two guards and one worker before starting negotiations with police and prison officials, they said. Police sources reported earlier that more 30 prisoners took part in the revolt, but they said later only three prisoners — including a murderer serving a life term and a suspected terrorist — were involved.

Police sources said the revolt was led by Santo Tucci, 26, who is serving a life term for killing an inmate, and awaiting another trial for staging a revolt at another Sicilian prison in 1979. Police identified the others as Antonio Faro, described as a common criminal serving a term for attempted jail breaks, and Aldo Mauro, 28, a suspected terrorist convicted on robbery charges. Prison officials

said the trio, without giving any reason, asked to be transferred to a prison in Ascoli Piceno in southeastern Italy.

Two lawyers were brought in at the request of the convicts to act as intermediaries in their negotiations with the prison authorities. The prison also houses 23 convicted Red Brigades terrorists in a separate maximum security wing. The rebels, however, made no "political demands," the sources said.

Oslo expels Russian

OSLO, April 1 (AFP) — A member of the Soviet trade mission here was declared persona non grata by Norwegian authorities Wednesday, reportedly for involvement in industrial espionage.

The Foreign Ministry informed Soviet Ambassador in Oslo Yuri Kirishenko that Timor Besedin, described as a member of the mission's "technical staff" should leave Norway as soon as possible for "activities that conflicted with his position." The ministry also told Kirishenko that two former members of the trade mission, named as Giorgi Petrov and Evgeni Mironenko, were to be considered banned from Norway for the same reason.

Soviets protect Kabul as army sent to fight liberators in provinces

NEW DELHI, April 1 (Agencies) —

Afghan forces have been moving out of Kabul to put down a flare-up of rebellion in the provinces, leaving the capital's security with Soviet troops, Western diplomatic sources said in New Delhi Wednesday. The sources had no estimate of the number of Afghan troops involved. But they quoted reliable Afghan sources in Kabul as saying all four central corps divisions stationed there were being sent out.

Fighting had broke out in at least 20 of Afghanistan's 29 provinces, many of them bordering the Soviet frontier, the diplomatic sources said. They added that hundreds of wounded civilians and Afghan troops had been brought to hospitals in Kabul and to Bagram Air Base, about 56 km north of the Afghan capital. On Monday a soldier shot dead several Afghans in front of a cinema. But the sources could not say if the soldier was Afghan or Soviet.

The situation in Afghanistan unsettled, particularly in Herat and Kandahar where there had been an "upsurge in freedom fighters" activity. The sources said government troops apparently attacked a hill east of Kabul

Tehran allows British consul to visit Pyke

LONDON, April 1 (AP) — The Foreign

Office said Wednesday that authorities in Iran have allowed a British consul to visit jailed British businessman Andrew Pyke. The consul, Christopher Rundle, was permitted to see 37-year-old Pyke in Tehran's Evin prison Tuesday. He said he was in good condition and being well treated, according to the Foreign Office.

It was the first outside contact British officials have had with Pyke since Feb. 7 and the Iranians said the consul could return for regular monthly visits. There had been hopes that Pyke would be freed along with three Anglo-Iranian missionaries released from Iranian detention on Feb. 27 — Dr. John Coleman and his wife Audrey, and Jean Waddell. But he remained in custody.

An executive with a Dutch-Iranian helicopter firm, Pyke was arrested last August as he waited for a plane to take him out of Iran. At first it was said he might face spying charges. But according to the Foreign Office, Iranian authorities have now said that certain "financial matters are being actively investigated."

British diplomatic representation in Tehran has been strengthened in a gradual return to normal relations since the release of the three missionaries, and the Jan. 20 release of the 52 American hostages.

Skirmishes with liberation forces are taking place every day, authorities said. A liberation source told the Associated Press that

the windows in the hotel's press center, where the offices of the Associated Press and United Press International are located, were blown inward.

Although no group claimed responsibility for the bombing, banks and businesses have been recent targets for liberation groups fighting to topple the civilian-military junta.

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major increase in American aid, including

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